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NEW PLANTS INCREASE HEAVY INDUSTRY OUTPUT;
CONSTRUCTION WORK PROGRESSES

NEW "LITOSTROJ" STEEL FOUNDRY ERECTED -- Borba, No 263, 5 Nov 49

The new Litostroj steel foundry, which produces castings for steel machinery is the largest in Yugoslavia.

In the process of being completed are a large forging shop with a compression shop, a central warehouse, and blocks of housing. The new steel foundry has four rooms, a cleaning room, a casting room, a department for furnaces and preparation of sand, and a storage room. The roof is supported by slim concrete pillars. The foundry will be finished by the end of this year and electric furnaces for the melting process will be installed immediately. The foundry will make castings for 15-ton turbines. The cleaning will be done with streams of sand. Production will begin in mid-1950. The forging shop, which has been completed as far as the roof, will be equipped with 100 pneumatic electric hammers weighing 750 kilograms, friction presses of 250 and 500 tons, and gas furnaces. Huge axles for the water turbines will be made here.

In 1950 a sheet metal factory will be built for making sheet iron. During the last 2 years of the Five-Year Plan, blocks of housing with a union center and restaurant for 2,500 people will be built.

Litostroj will have two trunk lines, one toward Maribor and the other toward Zagreb, as well as a railroad for transporting freight.

At the end of the Five-Year Plan the entire project will consist of huge factories, 30 housing blocks, parks, a sports stadium, and a railroad station. By that time, Litostroj will be serially producing the largest Pelton, Francis, and Kaplan-type turbines.

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NEW MINING METHOD INSTITUTED IN YUGOSLAVIA -- Borba, No 262, 3 Nov 49

In Bosnia and Hercegovina 197 brigades with a total of 1,356 miners are working according to a new method based on competition and broad-face mining. The new method involves a new way of preparing, broadening, and increasing the number of faces.

In Croatia there are 137 brigades with a total of 1,830 miners. Of these there are 117 brigades with 1,550 miners mining coal and 20 brigades with 280 miners mining bauxite according to the new method. In Serbia there are 165 brigades with 1,700 miners mining coal and 35 brigades with 370 miners mining nonferrous metals according to the new method, thus increasing production on the average by 15 percent.

In Slovenia there are 50 brigades with 1,004 miners mining coal and 106 brigades with 800 miners mining nonferrous metals. Six brigades are active in the production of petroleum. Of the entire number only 36 brigades work according to the new method. The mine at Trbovlje increased production by 12 percent after adopting the new method.

NEW CEMENT FACTORY WILL BEGIN PRODUCTION NEXT YEAR -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 260, 5 Nov 49

At the beginning of next year the new "Sar" cement factory near Skopljje will begin production. This factory will be equipped with domestic machines. With the operation of this factory cement production will increase threefold as compared to the prewar production.

A new furnace was added to the "Prvoborac" and "Deseti Kolovoz" cement factories. The "Anovo" factory on the Soca River, which produces cement for dams of hydroelectric power plants, increased production. The cement factories at Trbovlje in Slovenia and Podsused near Zagreb are producing cement for the "Autoput" highway, and the "Svoboda" factory at Potaused has constructed a large crane for bridge parts. A similar crane is being built for the new "Sar" factory in Skopljje. The Istria cement factory at Koroznacno is reconstructing a rotary furnace. Production will increase at the Beocin cement factory at Novi Sad, which produces cement for highways and other products.

LARGE-SCALE CONSTRUCTION IN SERBIA PROGRESSES -- Glas, No 1361, 8 Nov 49

Not including Novi Beograd, the Autoput Highway, and local structures, in Serbia and Belgrade alone there were 5,212 different construction projects going on in 1947, of which 3,114 were finished the same year.

Over 1,700,000 square meters of buildings were completed in 1947, 480,000 square meters of which were for housing, 400,000 square meters were for industrial structures, 200,000 for schools and other educational institutions, and 60,000 for hospitals and rest homes.

In 1948, work was in progress on 7,000 construction projects, which means that an additional 2 million square meters of construction was under way. Four thousand new structures were completed.

In 1949, 8,000 different projects and 3,200 structures covering almost one million square meters are contemplated.

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